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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are happy to announce that Finley Elementary was selected to participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP).

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program provides a variety of fruits and vegetables snacks to children at eligible elementary schools.

The goals of this grant program are to:

- Expand the variety of fruits and vegetables children experience.
- Increase children's fruit and vegetable consumption.
- Make a difference in children's diets to impact their current and future health.
- Create healthy habits today that will last a lifetime.

A fresh fruit or vegetable snack will be offered to your student at least 3 times per week. FFVP snacks will generally be served during recess

Teachers will provide nutrition education activities in the classroom or during PE to increase students' knowledge of the health benefits of eating fruits and vegetables. The FFVP is an excellent way to supplement other wellness programs in the school that promote health, nutrition, and physical activity.

Please help us encourage your kids to try and consume the new fruits and vegetables. You can support us at home by:

- Being a role model. Kids mimic parents. When they see you eating and enjoying fruits and veggies they will enjoy it too.
- Make fruits and veggies easy to access. Keep them washed and, if possible diced and ready to eat. Make a basket with colorful veggies and fruits and place it on the counter for easy grabbing. Add some to their favorite dishes and salads.
- Take your student to a local farmers' market and discover fruits and vegetables in season.
- Praise your kids when they try new fruits and veggies. Make it fun and enjoyable!

Sincerely,

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